

THIS INVENTION RELATES TO A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE PROTECTION OF A CABLE OR PIPE FROM COLLAPSE UNDER EXTERNAL PRESSURE. THE INVENTION IS BASED UPON THE THEORY THAT A CABLE OR PIPE WILL COLLAPSE UNDER EXTERNAL PRESSURE IF THE PRESSURE IS APPLIED TO THE CABLE OR PIPE IN A MANNER WHICH CAUSES THE CABLE OR PIPE TO BEND. THE INVENTION PROVIDES A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE PROTECTION OF A CABLE OR PIPE FROM COLLAPSE UNDER EXTERNAL PRESSURE BY APPLYING A PRESSURE TO THE CABLE OR PIPE IN A MANNER WHICH CAUSES THE CABLE OR PIPE TO BEND.

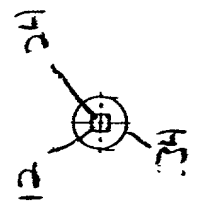
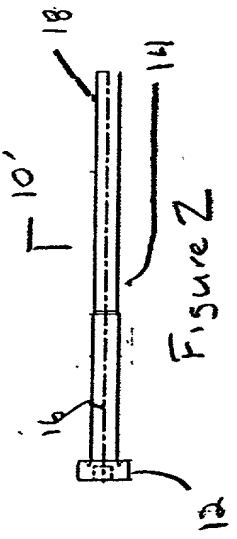
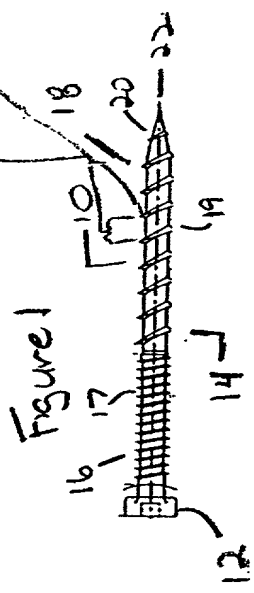


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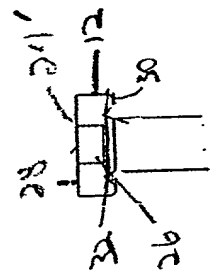


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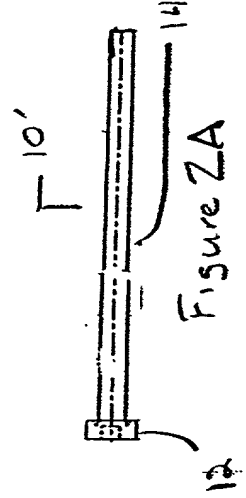


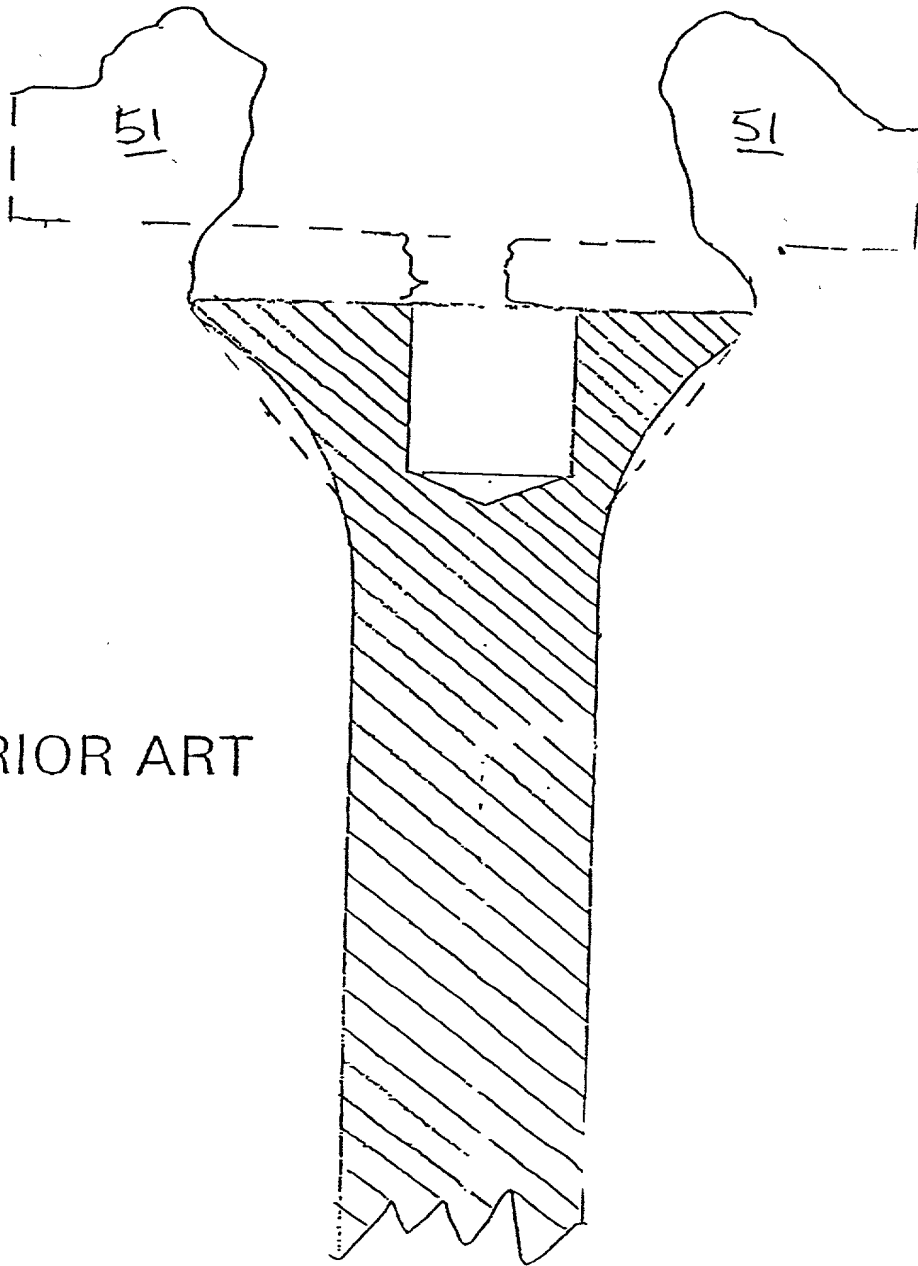
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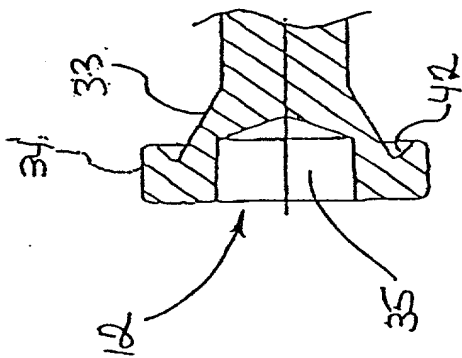


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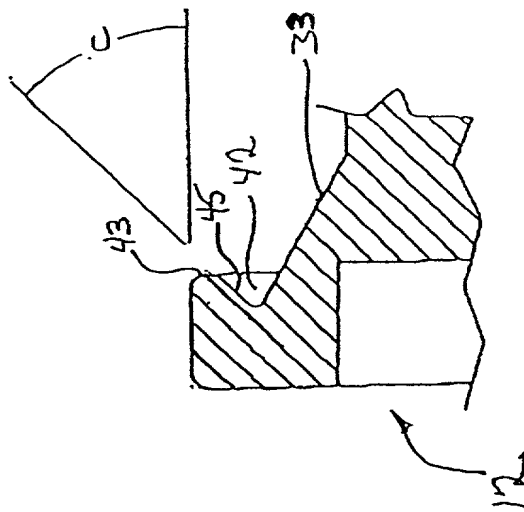


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